

2. REMARKS

2.1 STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-43 were filed in the international application.

Claims 1-41 were pending at the time of nationalization.

Claims 37-41 were canceled herein without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Claims 2-36 were amended herein.

Claims 1-36 remain pending in the national stage application.

2.2 CONCLUSION

Support for the pending claims can be found throughout the original claims, specification and figures as filed. Applicants have added the required identifier ("Original") in claim 1 for compliance with 37 C. F. R. § 1.121(c)(2). Applicants certify that no new matter is included herewith.

Applicants note for the record their explicit right to re-file claims to one or more aspects of the invention in one or more continuing and/or divisional application(s) retaining full priority claim to the present and parent cases.

Should the Examiner have any questions, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative would be appreciated, and in particularly in advance of the first action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

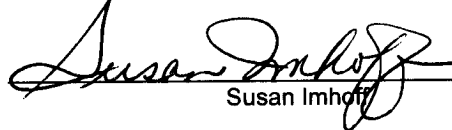


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